



Tehama County Children and Families Commission

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Commission Meeting

October 29, 2002 @ 3:00 P.M.

Held at the Family Resource Center (NVCSS),
220 Sycamore Street, Suite 101, Red Bluff, CA 96080

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Paula Brown-Almond, Christine Applegate, Bob Douglas, Mildred H. Johnstone, Gloria Lofthus, George Russell, Carl Havener, Connie Massie, and new member Jeannie Jacobs.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – None heard

2. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Christine Applegate made the motion to approve all items on the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mildred H. Johnstone, motion carried 9-0.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

3.1. INFORMATIONAL – Appointment of Members-at-Large

- Jeannie Early Jacobs, LCSW, was appointed to fill Tom Grimes' term, which expires January 31, 2005.

3.2. DISCUSSION/ACTION – School Readiness Initiative Update

- Three Letters of Intent were submitted to Lois Lang, the contracted School Readiness Consultant, for the School Readiness RFF process. The three applications in no certain order are: Jackson Heights and Metteer Elementary will submit a joint application; Los Molinos Elementary; and West Street Elementary.
- School Readiness Advisory Committee Meeting was held October 28 at the Department of Education with Consultant Lois Lang and other committee members in attendance. The Advisory Committee will meet every month to discuss SR process.
- School Readiness Advisory Committee Guidelines: This Committee will guide the School Readiness process in our County, such as the final selection of the school sites (after input from the readers and consultant), selection of technical assistance support that is needed, guiding evaluation decisions, information dissemination to the community, and help with linking schools to services. It is recommended that committee membership consist of three commissioners and six community representatives; two of which must be parents of children ages 0-5 years.
- Commissioner Jeannie Jacobs requested that the SR Advisory Committee membership represent physical, social, emotional, and cognitive areas to ensure a holistic approach when working on efforts for young children. She also recommended representation from the medical community and faith-based sector. Director Snider will work towards this goal.

- Motion made by Commissioner Carl Havener to approve School Readiness Advisory Committee membership make-up and guidelines, seconded by Commissioner Bob Douglas, motion carried 9-0.

3.3. DISCUSSION/ACTION – Logo Recommendation

- The Media/Outreach/Public Relations Ad Hoc Committee met on October 10 to review possible logos. Commissioner Carl Havener made the motion to approve the Committees recommendation for the new logo and name change as submitted, Gloria Lofthus seconded, motion carried 9-0.

3.4. INFORMATIONAL – Director's Report

- Tehama County Children and Families Commission is co-hosting an open house at Child Care Referral and Education (located at 645 Antelope Blvd. Suite 30, Red Bluff) on Monday November 4 from 3 – 7:30 p.m. Over fifty (50) sample holiday craft/activities created by Tehama County child care providers will be on display. Child Care Referral and Education (CCRE), Tehama County Department of Education Family Child Care Home Network Program (FCCHN), and Tehama County Children and Families Commission will be available to discuss programs and services that are available to children and families in Tehama County. Director Denise Snider will check on most appropriate timeframe for Commissioner attendance and get back to Commissioners.
- Association Update: Commissioners from nine counties gathered during the afternoon of the CCAFA meeting to discuss ways county commissioners can assist in advocacy efforts on behalf of children and families. Background on the state's fiscal crisis, Prop 10 revenue forecasts, and county strategies to maximize their sustainability were presented. Commissioners agreed to meet again to discuss a structure for incorporating Commissioner advocacy into the Association.
- The commissioners discussed the need to protect core state programs from budget cuts and to protect against pressure to supplant state and county funded-services with Prop 10 funds, which would undermine Prop 10 programs statewide.
- They reviewed the strengths and vulnerabilities of local commissions, the potential for building partnerships for advocacy on the local and state level, and the need to develop a consistent advocacy message that can be localized based on the needs of each county.
- **State Commission Update:** The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has entered a partnership with the Pew Charitable Trust and has initiated a six-month planning process to determine how to advance universal pre-school in California. Executive Director Henderson and Vice Chair Belshe plan to meet with Packard Foundation officials about the plan.

Children NOW has launched a "Pledge for Kids" campaign. 87% of the respondents to a Pledge for Kids survey agreed with state funding of universal preschool for 3 and 4 year-olds. The San Mateo, Alpine, and Los Angeles County Commissions have both set aside funding to develop universal pre-school in their respective counties.

The statewide conference will be held April 24th and 25th at the Hyatt Regency Orange County. April 23rd is for the Pre-Conference. This year's conference will also include commission staff and CBOs.

3.5. INFORMATIONAL – Project updates

GRANTEE..... Northern Valley Catholic Social Service
Grantee Type..... Direct Services
Funding Cycle..... August 1, 2002 – July 31, 2003
Program Manager Camilla Delsid
Grant Amount \$214,272.00

Project Description: Expand existing Family Resource Center in both capacity and delivery of services. Core services include: parent education; child development activities; resource and referral; drop-in availability; peer-to-peer supports; on-site child care. Outreach plan delivered at end of year two.

Monthly Project Status (September):

- NVCSS spent the month of September re-organizing their program;
- The Program Manager and Family Resource Center Supervisor attended a 3-day “Family Resource Center Core Training”;
- Regular center activities were held, such as: parenting classes, play groups, drop-in resource and referrals, and on-site child supervision for center activities.

3.6. INFORMATIONAL – Quarterly Financial Report

- The Commissioners reviewed the Quarterly Financial Report for the months of July, August, and September 2002.

3.7. INFORMATIONAL – Commissioner Updates

- None Reported

3.8. DISCUSSION – Evaluation Presentation

- Cathy Minicucci of Minicucci Associates, Commission Evaluation Consultant, presented how result, indicator, and performance measures all come together for evaluation outcomes. Cathy's design process will be laid out in a more in-depth training in the near future.

3.9. ADJOURN

Next meeting scheduled January 28, 2003
at the Department of Education
1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080
NO DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULED

